MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : Why, I do not think it necessary when the Chief Engineer has himself promised to do so.

Bridge across the Neyyar at Mandapattukadavu.

52. MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*) : Regarding the need for a bridge over the Neyyar at Mandapattukadavu, will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the Public Works Department has submitted any report thereon ; and

(*b*) if so, whether they will place the records on the table ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) The Chief Engineer has reported that the construction of the bridge is not urgent. No detailed investigation for the construction of the bridge has been conducted and report submitted.

(*b*) Since no detailed investigation has been carried out, the Government do not consider it necessary to place the records on the table.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*) : With regard to the answer to part (*a*) of the question, may I know whether Mr. Arunachalam Aiyar who was acting Chief Engineer had made a local inspection and submitted his report ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : There is nothing to show from the report in my hand that Mr. Arunachalam Aiyar submitted any such report. As far as I can see there was no such report.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*) : But in reply to a question put by me on a former occasion, Government seem to have said that Mr. Arunachalam Aiyar who was then acting as Chief Engineer had made a local inspection and submitted a report ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : In the report just now with me there is no information as to the name of the Chief Engineer who submitted that report. All I can say is that a report was sent by the then Chief Engineer to the effect that there was no necessity for the bridge at the site. I do not see from the papers that it was Mr. Arunachalam Aiyar who submitted that report.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*) : With regard to the report which the member is in possession of, may I know from him whether it says that there is no necessity for a bridge there ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : That was the report of the Chief Engineer before.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*) : Was the report to the effect that there was no necessity, or was it to the effect that the bridge could wait?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : There was no necessity, because the trace is a *cul de sac* ending on one side of the river. It does not extend to the other side and the Chief Engineer was therefore of the opinion that there was no necessity for a bridge there.

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MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): It is stated in the answer to part (*b*) of the question, that "since no detailed investigation has been carried out, the Government do not consider it necessary to place the records on the table". Am I to understand from this answer that even when Mr. Arunachalam Aiyar made a local inspection, no detailed investigation was made?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): A detailed investigation is generally made after a preliminary inspection. If it is found that the work is necessary a detailed inspection is then ordered.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): May I know whether Mr. Arunachalam Aiyar submitted a report after making a local personal inspection?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The Chief Engineer submitted his report. That is all that I find from the papers before me.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): The answer is that "since no detailed investigation has been carried out the Government do not consider it necessary to place the records on the table". Am I to understand from this answer that only when matters reach the stage of detailed investigation that members of this House can be supplied with the records?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): There is no general rule, but in this case it seems to me, Sir, that there is nothing really important to be placed before the House.

Road leading to the Parisuvakkal temple.

53. **MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware that there is a strong public demand for the opening of a road from the main road to the Parisuvakkal temple in the Neyyattinkara taluk; and

(*b*) if so, the steps, if any, taken by them in the matter?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The information that the public were put to much hardship for want of this road was supplied by the member himself and the Government have noted the same (*vide* answer to question No. 223, asked at the meeting of the Council held on the 15th May 1930).

(*b*) The member is referred to the answer to question No. 88, asked at the meeting of the Council held on the 7th August 1930.

Location of the District Hospital, Shertallai.

54. **MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Sheriallai*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware of the extreme nearness of the District Hospital to the Vernacular and English High Schools at Shertallai; and

(*b*) whether they have considered the advisability of shifting the ospital to a remote place within the town itself?

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